

YES

- Untreated wood
- Stumps, branches, logs, brush.
- **Kept at least seven metres (23 feet) from any structure, fence, hedge or combustible material**
- Look up! Is there anything from above that could catch fire?
- Having tools on hand to put the fire out (watering hose, 15-litre bucket of water or an extinguisher)
- Have a phone on hand to call Georgina Fire and Rescue Services if needed
- Have a responsible adult supervising the fire at all times (legal age 18 years)



NO

- Any materials that are normally collected under municipal garbage, recycling or yard waste programs
- Flammable accelerants/ liquids
- Grass clippings/leaves
- Construction materials
- Do not start or maintain a fire when conditions could lead to excessive smoke, possible spread of the fire beyond containment or decreased visibility on roadways
- Do not have a fire uncontained or on a combustible surface that could lead to it spreading



Burning bans

At certain times of the year, the fire chief may issue a complete ban on open-air burning. When a ban is issued, ALL open-air burning is prohibited with the exception of actual cooking that is taking place on a grill.

This brochure has been prepared for convenience only. For a complete version of the Open-air Burning By-law, contact Georgina Fire and Rescue Services (GFRS) at 905-476-5167, or visit georgina.ca/fire. Any person who sets or maintains a fire shall be liable for expenses incurred by the GFRS in the event of non-compliance with any provision of the by-law.

Open-air Burning

A Quick Reference Guide

- Where to purchase
- When you need a burn permit
- Do's and don'ts of open-air burning
- What to do with your yard waste



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Open-air Burn

Permit required

- **Setback of seven metres (23 feet) from all combustibles and structures**
- Fires that are set to burn brush, stumps, tree limbs and logs
- Permits can be acquired online at https://townofgeorgina.smapply.io/prog/burn_permit_application/ or in person at Service Georgina, located at the Civic Centre, 26557 Civic Centre Road, Keswick, ON
- Permitted half-hour after sunrise, half-hour before sunset
- Fire size shall be no larger than 1.2 metres x 1.2 metres (4 ft x 4 ft)
- A fee will be associated with this annual permit
- Call Georgina Fire and Rescue Services each day you are burning to activate your permit
- An inspection may be required prior to receiving a permit. (This will be at the discretion of the staff member issuing the permit)

Note: If the applicant is **not the owner** of the property, the tenant is required to have the permit acquired/signed by the owner of the property in which they are residing or, provide a dated letter of approval for burning from the owner of the property.



Recreational fire

No permit required

- **Setback of seven metres (23 feet) from all combustibles and structures**
- Campfires that are used for entertainment purposes, cooking food, heating, enjoyment, religious ceremonies or similar purposes are considered recreational fires
- Must be extinguished by 1 a.m.
- Shall be no larger than 0.6 metres x 0.6 metres (2 ft x 2 ft)



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Agricultural/Farm Burn Permits

There is no charge for these permits.

Agricultural/Farm Burn Permits are only issued through the Keswick Fire Station and may require a formal inspection. For more information call 905-476-5167 or 905-476-2332.

What can I do with my leaves and grass clippings?

Mulching

Mulching has been found to retain nutrients and water moisture in your lawn. This environmentally friendly method can also reduce the amount of time that you spend on your lawn annually with raking, bagging and putting out to the curb.

Composting

Composting is another great option. Not only do you get to use your leaves and grass clippings as a naturally available layer to balance the green materials from your kitchen scraps, but it provides nutrient-rich soil for your plants or to place onto your lawn. You can save your leaves and grass clippings for winter composting as well.

Yard Waste Pick-up (leaves only)

Leaves can be picked up at the curb during regular yard waste collection in Georgina. For scheduled times and guidelines, visit georgina.ca/WasteandRecycling or get the free Recycle Coach app.

Drop off at a Waste Transfer Station

There may be a fee associated with dropping leaves and grass clippings off at the local waste transfer station. Visit georgina.ca for more information.

Did You Know?

Between 2012 and 2014, Ontario saw an average of 8,695 calls related to unauthorized open-air burning. That's at least 8,695 occurrences where emergency resources, such as vehicles, personnel and equipment were used.

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